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PACOM FOR FPA CHRISTY, JIATF/WEST FOR COMMANDER BUSCH

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SUBJECT: THAILAND EMBASSY/STATE DEPARTMENT HUMAN RIGHTS
VETTING FOR: JOINT INTERAGENCY TASK FORCES WEST BANGKOK, LEATHER
TORCH 08-1, UDORN THANI, AUGUST 13 - SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

REF: A. JIATF/THAI MEMOS DATED JUNE 12, 2008

[B](#). 05 STATE 021314 - GUIDANCE

[C](#). 03 STATE 34981 - GUIDANCE

[1](#). (U) This is an action request for human rights verification required by the Leahy Amendment; see Para. 2.

[2](#). (U) JIATF West Bangkok has requested that the Embassy/State Department complete human rights vetting request for the units and the commanders listed below, which have been selected to attend the above-mentioned course. Embassy Bangkok possesses no credible information at this time of gross violations of human rights by these units and these persons. Embassy Bangkok Political Officer, Melissa G. Carlson, is the verifying officer for the

Leather Torch 08-1, Joint Interagency Task Force West, Border Patrol Police Camp 24, Udorn Thani, August 13 - September 19, 2008.

Units and Commanders:

- Surasak Montri Task Force, Special Colonel Narong Sitakea, DPOB: 4-February 04, 1953; Udorn Thani, TH.
- Royal Thai Police, Border Patrol Region II, Pol. Maj. General Ahtthakitti Pholchob, DPOB: February 16, 1951; Bangkok, TH.
- Royal Thai Police, Narcotics Suppression Bureau, Pol. T. General Wuthi Liptapallop, DPOB: July 01, 1957; Bangkok, TH.

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